## II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims of the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of <u>determining conflicting tasks of reducing risk in a</u> business process <u>including use of a computer processor to analyze electronic signals and data</u> representative of the <u>business process</u>, the method comprising the steps of:

dividing the business process into component tasks;

identifying for each of the component tasks any other component task that conflicts with the component task;

establishing at least one assigned <u>component</u> task performed by each person involved in the business process; and

determining which of the at least one whether each assigned component task is a conflicting task by comparing each assigned component task with component tasks that are identified to conflict with other component tasks.

- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the steps are performed by a computer software program.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of addressing any conflicting task by at least one of:

re-assigning tasks;

locking out network activities; and

requiring administrative signatures.

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4. (Currently amended) A system for <u>determining conflicting tasks of reducing risk in a</u> business process, the system comprising:

means for dividing the business process into component tasks;

means for identifying for each of the component tasks any other component task that conflicts with the component task;

means for establishing at least one assigned component task performed by each person involved in the business process; and

means for determining which of the at least one whether each assigned component task is a conflicting task by comparing each assigned component task with component tasks that are identified to conflict with other component tasks.

- 5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the means for identifying includes a matrix identifying conflicting tasks.
- 6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for determining compares the at least one assigned task to the conflicting tasks on the matrix.

7. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for <u>determining conflicting</u> tasks of reducing risk in a business process, the program product comprising:

program code configured to divide the business process into component tasks;

program code configured to identify for each of the component tasks any other

component task that conflicts with the component task;

program code configured to establish at least one assigned component task performed by each person involved in the business process; and

program code configured to determine which of the at least one whether each assigned component task is a conflicting task by comparing each assigned component task with component tasks that are identified to conflict with other component tasks.

- 8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the program code configured to identify includes a matrix identifying conflicting tasks.
- 9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the program code configured to determine compares the at least one assigned task to the conflicting tasks on the matrix.